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In re Application of Mitchell Eggers Confirmation No.: 3570
Appln. No.: 10/007,355 Group Art Unit: 1797
Filed: November 7, 2001 Examiner: Lyle Alexander
For: **SAMPLE CARRIER**

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STATUS INQUIRY

On October 16, 2007 Applicant filed the attached Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(b), requesting extension of time until January 17, 2008 to prepare the Reply Brief and to request Oral Hearing. We have not yet heard from the PTO regarding the status of the petition. Kindly notify us of the status of the same.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a)(3), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all required fees, including fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 and all required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

Dated: December 10, 2007

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(b)		Docket Number (Optional) GRNV-002/0005	
In re Application of	Mitchell D. EGGERS		
Application Number	10/007,355	Filed	11/07/2001
For	Sample Carrier		
Art Unit	1797	Examiner	Lyle Alexander

This is a request for an extension of time of three (3) months, until Jan. 17, 2008 (days), (weeks), (months) under 37 CFR 1.136(b) in this pending application. An extension of time is not available in this application under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a); however, additional time to respond may still be granted under the patent statute. The petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(g) is required. The reasons for requesting the extension of time are the following:

We, the Applicants' undersigned attorney submit that this application was transferred to our offices for prosecution on October 15, 2007. As proof of the above, a letter dated October 12, 2007 from previous counsel which states that the files for this (and other) applications have been transferred to our office is attached. The attached FedEx delivery information shows that we received the boxes containing the files on October 15, 2007.

Accordingly, we became aware of the pending deadline to file the Reply Brief and request Oral Hearing on October 15, 2007. We immediately contacted the previous counsel regarding the reply brief, only to be informed that one had not been prepared.

Accordingly, we request a three (3) month extension of time to file the Reply Brief and to request Oral Hearing. If the PTO is unable to grant us a three month extension, we request that we be granted a reasonable period of extension of time in order to prepare the Reply Brief and the Request for Oral Hearing.

	October 16, 2007
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